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Cc: [William D Franklin \(william.d.franklin@navy.mil\)](mailto:William.D.Franklin@navy.mil)
Subject: RE: For Review: Response to Courthouse News Inquiry
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 3:31:00 PM

Mr. Iovino,

I am covering for Mr. Franklin while he is out of the office.

Please attribute the below response to Ms. Kimberly Ostrowski, Director BRAC Program Management Office West.

Questions:

Is the U.S. Navy reviewing Tetra Tech's work at Treasure Island and Alameda Island to ensure the same type of fraud and improper disposal of hazardous waste that occurred at Hunter's Point did not occur at those sites?

If so, please describe how these reviews are being conducted.

How many people are working on the reviews?

What documents are being reviewed?

Are there any plans to re-test for radiation or hazardous materials at these sites?

Is Tetra Tech still working at either of these sites?

Has the Navy taken any new steps to ensure the Tetra Tech's work is done properly?

What are those steps?

Please send me a copy of this contract: N6247311D2205 awarded April 9, 2014 to TriEco TT BRAC.

Why did the cost of this contract increase from \$1.56 million to \$2.3 million?

Response:

Public and environmental safety is the Navy's highest priority during its Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) clean-up efforts at all Bay Area bases. The Navy follows the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process at each base. The entirety of the Navy's radiological program is grounded in science, developed by health physicists with decades of specialized training, and overseen by experts across multiple regulatory agencies to ensure it is protective of human health.

The Navy's radiological experts reviewed project data and reports during project implementation. During the review of project data at Treasure Island and Alameda, these experts worked with all parties to ensure proper procedures were followed and final data were collected in accordance with the work plans. These Navy experts found the initial problem at Hunters Point.

Following the data falsification issues at Hunters Point, the Navy conducted a focused review of Tetra Tech EC's radiological work at Alameda and Treasure Island. This involved reviewing the scopes of work, and working with individual project teams and experts to verify that work plan procedures were followed and final project documentation can be relied upon. The work was conducted in accordance with the work plans. The Navy is confident that the reported data can be relied upon for its intended purposes.

Independent scans and sampling by California Department of Public Health (CDPH) confirmed clean-up standards were met at Treasure Island and Alameda.

Tetra Tech EC is no longer working on radiological projects at Treasure Island or Alameda. Moving forward, as at Hunters Point, the Navy has instituted an additional quality assurance oversight for all radiological projects. Third-party experts conduct regular field inspections to verify that radiological sampling and documentation are in accordance with work plan requirements. The regulatory agencies also take additional samples at their discretion to independently verify BRAC program conclusions.

Contract N62473-11-D2205-0058 will be provided under separate cover as a partial response to your previously submitted FOIA request. The contract documents include explanations for the cost increase.

Melanie Ault

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From: CNS San Francisco Fed <sanfran@courthousenews.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Ault, Melanie A CIV NAVFAC HQ, BRAC PMO <melanie.ault@navy.mil>
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Hunters Point / Treasure Island

Hi Melanie,

No one responded to my request for information.

Can you please get back to me with some answers.

These questions were submitted two weeks ago.

Best,

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From: CNS San Francisco Fed [<mailto:sanfran@courthousenews.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:19 PM
To: 'Franklin, William D CIV NAVFAC HQ, BRAC PMO'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Hunters Point / Treasure Island

When will you respond to my questions?

Best,

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From: CNS San Francisco Fed [<mailto:sanfran@courthousenews.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 12:47 PM
To: 'Franklin, William D CIV NAVFAC HQ, BRAC PMO'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Hunters Point / Treasure Island

Hi William,

Here are my questions:

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fraud and improper disposal of hazardous waste that occurred at Hunter's Point did not occur at those sites?

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From: Franklin, William D CIV NAVFAC HQ, BRAC PMO [<mailto:william.d.franklin@navy.mil>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 11:57 AM
To: CNS San Francisco Fed
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Hunters Point / Treasure Island

Hello, Nicholas. Sorry, I've been busy with other issues.

First, we are no longer able to offer you an interview regarding Treasure Island. If you'd like to submit your questions in writing we will respond in kind.

Second, you may attribute the following statement to Mr. Derek Robinson, environmental clean-up coordinator for the Navy at Hunters Point. This is in response to your query dated 26 Oct. about Parcel A: "Please tell me how much the re-testing of Parcel A at Hunters Point is costing the U.S. Navy."

Response: "The Navy agreed to provide financial support for confirmation scanning being conducted by the California Department of Public Health at Parcel A. The total costs have not been finalized since work is ongoing."

Third, we will provide a response regarding your query dated 25 Oct: "Can you please provide me with U.S. Navy rules or guidelines on the proper standards and procedures for clearing a site suspected of radioactive contamination?" We'll send you a response as soon as it is available.

R, Bill

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From: CNS San Francisco Fed <sanfran@courthousenews.com>
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 5:04 PM
To: Franklin, William D CIV NAVFAC HQ, BRAC PMO <william.d.franklin@navy.mil>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Hunters Point / Treasure Island

You did not acknowledge my email yesterday.

I am writing another story today about the US DOJ's decision to sue Tetra Tech. Please tell me how much the re-testing of Parcel A at Hunters Point is costing the U.S. Navy.

Best,

Nicholas Iovino

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From: CNS San Francisco Fed [<mailto:sanfran@courthousenews.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 11:41 AM

To: 'william.d.franklin@navy.mil'

Subject: Hunters Point / Treasure Island

Hi William,

I spoke with Marvin Norman on Oct. 4. He said you would be contacting me to arrange a background interview with U.S. Navy officials regarding the cleanup of Treasure Island.

Separately, can you please provide me with U.S. Navy rules or guidelines on the proper standards and procedures for clearing a site suspected of radioactive contamination?

Best,

Nicholas Iovino

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